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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In answer to your letter of February 12, 1970 please be advised that the panel of Drs. Moritz, Morgan, Carnes and Fisher submitted only one report which was transmitted via Mr. Bruce Bromley to Mr. Carl Eardley of the Justice Department. It is my understanding that this is the same report that was subsequently released by the Justice Department and I would assume you have or can obtain copies of it from them. Certainly I have no copies for distribution and it was our understanding that any distribution would be effected through the Department of Justice.

With respect to any report with reference to the suit brought by Mr. Garrison, please be informed there is no such report as far as this panel is concerned. Finally, I can confirm that the statement you quote of Mr. Rolapps' that the panel "met, examined, deliberated and reported" is correct.

We drafted a report while still meeting as a Committee in the whole in Washington. It was subsequently edited and rewritten, but the intermediate drafts were not preserved.

I do take exception to your charge of "conspiratorial operations." The facts are that we agreed at the outset not to maintain individual private files, notes or other information based on the films and pictures in the custody of the National Archives. This agreement was reached because the material in the Archives at that time was restricted by the Kennedy family and it was felt that establishment of independent records, notes, etc. not in the custody of the Archivist might be judged to violate the conditions of the existing agreements.

Very truly yours,

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